

Local Happenings

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Outside Observations

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PHILLIES AND DETROIT ARE
SURPRISES OF BIG LEAGUES

Moran's Players Make Remarkable Spurt in National--Giants' Slump Worst in Years

The big league season is now in its full swing. The Phillies, generally regarded as a joke club, have been playing wonderfully consistent ball, and although this is the Phils at present look as though they will have a mighty fine chance to get some easy dough.

The club was supposed to be weak in pitching and in the infield, but so far their twirling staff has looked great. Until May was bumped on Saturday, the two regulars, Alexander, Mayor, Demaree, Chalmers, and Eiser, had curved great ball. Banoroff is another Dodger, while Byrne is playing the game which once made him famous in St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

However, a terrible fix has always followed this club, and baseball managers would rather see the Phillies in front than any other club. However, the Phils have been in the National League a long time and some time or other they will win a pennant.

The work of the Tigers in the American league has been a revelation. Despite a greatly weakened infield, the Jennings' triple has been tearing up the Western section of Ban Johnson's league. Cobb, Crawford and Yeager are all bounding along at a 400 clip, and when this bunch open fire on a pitcher they can make life very sad for him. Jennings also has unearthed a young pitching jewel, Boland, who has been flipping great ball for him.

Washington lacks hitting power, but they have the pitching, and a fast heavy club. With the Athletics and Red Sox floundering badly, they look like a good bet for the big money, despite the fact that they are not going anywhere just now.

One of the strange parts of the Giants' continued losing streak is that they are not playing bad ball. Here and there their work has been ragged, but on the whole they have held up well. Their batting fell off badly during the Philadelphia series, but they started hitting again in Brooklyn only to have the Superbas hit more often.

Granting that the Giants are composed largely of veterans, who are slow starters, it is hard to conceive the team is practically the same, which only three years ago sailed into July 4 with a record of 54 victories against 11 defeats, for a percentage of .821. With seven games already knocked away, the Giants are in danger of going into May 1 with as many reverses as were billed against them on July 4, 1912.

The Braves will visit New York for four games, and perhaps the clan McGraw will get started against Stallings' Western Champions. The new baseball monarchs are not finding the going so soft themselves. For some unknown reason Stallings is using only his left pitchers and Rudolph. James has only pitched two innings, while Tyler has still to make his appearance in a Brave box-score.

BRIDGEPORT SIGNS DWYER
TO TAKE JAKE BOULTES' PLACE

Eastern Expects to Get Sixth City This Week So It Can Open May 12

(By Wagner.) The Bridgeport club has signed a youngster named Dwyer to take Jake Boultes' place on third the coming season. Dwyer was with Petersburg, Va., in the Virginia league, last season. He declares he can lean up against that ball something scandalous and also boasts of his fielding. The Bridgeport players will not be asked to report until four or five days before the season opens.

President O'Rourke said this morning that he expected to complete the Eastern association circuit this week. The league directors met at the Atlantic hotel, Saturday afternoon, and voted to open the season May 12 with a six club circuit. They declined to give out the names of the cities because they feared premature announcements might spoil their plans. It is thought, however, that Bridgeport, New London, Springfield, Danbury, Stamford and Waterbury will comprise the league. Harry Cornon, the old Bridgeport pitcher, will get the Danbury franchise, and Mike Finn will have Springfield.

The Pittsfield situation is something of a puzzle. The fans up there want a club and although President O'Rourke has written several letters to Jack Zeiler he hasn't heard anything from him. It may be that Pittsfield will be the sixth city about which there seems to be so much mystery.

There is a possibility that Johnny Evers of the Boston Braves may not be able to play again. He fractured a bone in his ankle while playing against Brooklyn and doctors don't think the fracture can be mended.

The Montreal club, which is under the management of Dan Rowley, an old Philadelphia National catcher, exhibited a number of familiar faces to Bridgeport fans yesterday. Bill Holden, who cavorted in the New London outfield two years ago, was in left

field, and Hal Ireland who played with the Planters in the same year, held down second base. Holden can still hit, as his record of three singles indicates. He was sold by New London to the New York Americans but was let go because he could not slide to bases. Whiteman, another New York American cast off, was in center field. Halstein on first, was with the Chicago White Sox last season. Shortstop Furtell is a former Detroit player.

Guy Morton, the former Waterbury twirler, broke Detroit's winning streak yesterday when he led Cleveland to a 3 to 1 victory over the Tigers. He allowed only six hits.

Jim Thorpe of the Giants is a bear in exhibition games. He collected four hits in Peterson yesterday. They don't give him any curve balls, apparently, on those holiday jaunts.

The Cincinnati Reds have taken part in two ties in the last two games. They went 15 innings without a decision yesterday and on Saturday battled eight rounds in Pittsburgh without definite result. Incidentally it might be said that the Reds are more than holding their own this season.

Frank Baker, the holdout of the Athletics, played third for Upland, Del., in the Delaware County league, last Saturday. He made two errors and collected three safe swats. There's a chance for Connie Mack to start that blacklist he was talking about.

Here's what the New York Telegram says about Benny Kauff: "Is Kauff holding his own this season?" queries a "fan." Well, let's see. From April 10 to April 23 "Benny" took part in eleven contests with the following record: Times at bat, 35; runs, 12; hits, 12; three base hit, 1; home run, 1; putouts, 22; assists, 2; stolen bases, 8; and errors, 3. A pretty good showing.

KAVANAGH ABLY FILLING FIRST
BASE GAP OF DETROIT TIGERS

It looks as if George Burns has a worthy successor in Frank Kavanagh at the initial station of the Tigers' team. When Burns had to quit the game the fans were wondering who could make up for his loss. Kavanagh is filling the bill in fine shape. He is not only fielding well, but he is hitting in the pinches and promises to be quite an acquisition to the team.

GIANTS UNABLE
TO DRAW AGAINST
REV. BILLY SUNDAY

Petersen, N. J., April 26. — As a counter attraction to Billy Sunday the Giants did not have to turn them away yesterday afternoon. Only 1,500 fans gathered to watch Larry Doyle's tourists defeat the Peterson club of the Atlantic League by 11 to 3 and see Larry McLean steal his annual base.

The New Yorks banged Van Saun and Smith, Dan Cogan's pitchers, all over the lot, getting sixteen safe hits for a total of twenty-nine bases. Jim Thorpe was the leader in the assault, with four hits, three of which were two-baggers. The Indian had the crowd cheering him to the echo. Snodgrass and Brainerd also inserted some timely bingles into the pastime.

The Giants lined up with pretty much the same team that played in Jersey City last week. Ferdie Schupp started on the mound and he went five innings, giving way to Dock Cook, who was lambasted for seven hits in his four-round stay.

Davy Robertson was a big disappointment to the local fans, who expected to see him give the horsehide a couple of healthy rides. He failed to connect safely even once. Brainerd impressed everybody as a likely

MUST PAY
TO SEE YALE
CREW RACES

New Haven, Conn., April 26.—Announcement was made last night that three visiting crews will compete with Yale eights in the annual spring regatta May 8, and will be held on Lake Whitney for the first time in years. The lake is banked by a high fence and admission will be by ticket only, the first time Yale crew authorities have ever been in a position to get gate money from spectators. The course will be one and seven-eighths miles. The Rock-Rimmon Club of Springfield, Mass., will send an eight to compete against one of the Yale class crews. The Central High school of Philadelphia will send an eight to row the first Yale freshmen, and the Springfield High school has entered an eight against the second Yale freshmen. In addition there will be a Yale interclass race, the winner of which will meet the champion class crew at Harvard.

COFFEY AND
REICH WORK
FOR BIG BOUT

New York, April 26.—Al Reich, who is matched to box Jim Coffey at Madison Square Garden on the night of May 5, will be trained for this battle by some of the best trainers in New York. Maxey Blumenthal, Reich's manager, is in the city on business, and when this bunch open fire on a pitcher they can make life very sad for him. Jennings also has unearthed a young pitching jewel, Boland, who has been flipping great ball for him.

Under the watchful guidance of Billy Gibson, the Dublin Giant is undergoing a special preparation for the contest. While confident as to the outcome, Coffey is taking no chances, and when he enters the ring he will be as fit as special training can make an athlete.

Forfeits will be posted by the managers of the boxers to-day. Matchmaker Jimmy Johnson demanding that \$1,000 be deposited by the men for appearance which will make the men more careful to guard against injury while training. A clause has been inserted in the articles of agreement stating that neither man shall engage in a contest before their Garden date.

COTTELL PITCHES
WELL FOR YANKS
AGAINST JERSEYITES

New York, April 26.—The Yankees took a Sunday trip to the provinces yesterday and won from Jersey City, by 4 to 2. The Yanks used the occasion to show off their catchers and also their new pitcher, Cottrell. Cottrell is a southpaw, and he showed much talent yesterday as Jersey City couldn't hit him.

The warm, sunny afternoon made the players sleepy around first base, and four men, two on each team, were caught off their station fast asleep. A crowd of about 2,000 turned out to see George White's team battle with the team which on Saturday conquered the great Walter Johnson.

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ROBIDEAU HERE
TODAY TO BEGIN
WORK FOR FIGHT

Sam Robideau and his trainer, Johnny Loftus, will arrive here this evening to start training for the bout with Walter Mohr at the Casino next Friday night. Robideau will do his training at the Acorn A. C.

For a time it looked as if the bout might be called off because of trouble with Mohr. He broke away from his manager after he discovered that Owens had signed him for \$300 when he understood he was to get \$500 for going on with Robideau. Mohr refused to accept the terms and last night after a conference with Matchmaker Roach signed a new contract. He will get \$500 and everybody is satisfied.



WALTER MOHR.
Owing to the illness of Red Ketchel of White Plains, N. Y., he has withdrawn from the card and Al Shubert of New Britain will meet Young McAuliffe of this city in the ten round semi-final.

Sheffield Winner
of Big Soccer Match

London, April 26.—The final tie of the English cup was played off Saturday between Sheffield United and Chelsea on the ground of the Manchester United club at Old Trafford. Manchester, Sheffield won, 3 to 0. Chelsea started away with a fine rush, but were driven back by the Sheffield defenders. The latter soon got into their stride and working the ball down to the Chelsea goal Simmons scored with a brilliant shot by which Sheffield led at the interval. Sheffield scored two more goals through Packerly and Kitchen just before the game ended.

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BRIDGEPORT
HAS PITCHING
STAR IN MARTIN

(By Wagner.) Bridgeport has uncovered a good pitcher in Martin, judging from the flashy exhibition the youngster gave against Montreal yesterday at Newfield park. He is a big fellow who twirled in the Colonial league last year. He has an easy, overhand delivery and keeps the ball high. In three innings he worked against the International leagues he gave one hit, one pass and fanned three. If he can fool hitters from Class A he ought to get by in the Eastern association.

Although Bridgeport was beaten 6 to 3 the picked up local aggregation made a good display against Montreal. There were a few bad throws, such as one might expect in the first game of the year. Montreal demonstrated considerable hitting ability but their fielding was nothing sensational.

Young McCabe, who preceded Martin on the mound for Bridgeport, did fairly well. He allowed three hits in three innings but was the victim of some poor support. McCabe was with Bridgeport last season and made a good record. Dick Tuckey, who hurled the first three innings, didn't show much. He was harried for four tallies in the second.

Smith, who joined Bridgeport in the latter part of the 1914 campaign, alternated between right field and the backstop job and helped himself to two hits and a pass.

Jack Egan of this city, who will be with New London this season, caught Tuckey and McCabe. George Mosher, another local boy, played center. He delivered a timely blow that scored a run in the eighth. Kid Sherwood was a flash on third.

Edwards, from the Brooklyn Federals, didn't do anything remarkable in the field. He beat one one hit Brooks, a recruit from Killingly, made a better debut. He slammed a long two-bagger to right in the eighth.

Edwards, who pitched for Cincinnati a few seasons ago, was twirling for Montreal. He had the locals guessing until the eighth when they made three hits and two runs. The crowd numbered about 800. The score:

Holden, lf.	4	0	3	1	0	0
Whiteman, cf.	5	1	1	1	0	0
Yeager, 3b.	3	1	0	2	2	2
Halstein, 1b.	4	1	2	18	0	0
Furtell, ss.	3	0	3	2	0	0
Murphy, c.	4	2	1	1	2	1
Richter, p.	4	0	1	0	6	0

Totals	35	8	10	27	20	4
Score by Innings	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bridgeport	0	0	1	0	0	2
Montreal	0	4	0	1	0	0

Summary: Two base hits, Murphy, Brooks. Hits of Tuckey, 5 in 3 innings; off McCabe, 4 in 3 innings; off Martin 1 in 3 innings. Sacrifices, Furtell, Stolen bases, Holden, Yeager, Halstein, Smith, Furtell, Murphy, Whiteman, Hurley, Double plays, Ireland to Furtell to Halstein; Furtell to Yeager; Edwards to Brooks; Brickley held the pitcher. Passed ball, Richter. Left on bases, Montreal 6, Bridgeport 5. First base on balls, off Tuckey 3, off Martin 1, off Richter 1. Struck out by Tuckey, 1, by McCabe 3, by Martin 3, by Richter 4. Passed ball, Murphy. Time 2 hours. Umpire, John Downey.

"TACK" HARDWICK
OF HARVARD WILL
COACH NAVY TEAM

"Tack" Hardwick, the Harvard football star whose brilliant work figured so largely in Yale's defeats in recent years, has been engaged to coach the Navy football squad for next season. For a number of years he has been using the Yale system of coaching, last season Jim Reilly, an old Yale star, had charge. The Army has beaten the Navy for the past two years so Yale methods have fallen into disfavor.

Tack Hardwick should make an ideal man for a coaching position. A great player on both the offense and defense, he is also a deep student of the game and a man of unusual intelligence.

Had fate not decreed that he should flash across the margin of the crimson football day while Charley Brickley held the spotlight, he would have taken rank as the greatest player of his period. As it is, his star has been but slightly dimmed by the luster of the Harvard satellite of the magic toe.

Physically, Hardwick is a marvel. When he entered Harvard he smashed the strength test record to smithereens. Recently the mark he set was surpassed, and he has been reported as training to win back his laurels as the strong man before graduation this June.

He began his career under Haughton in the backfield, and was easily one of the best line smashers the game has known since Ted McCoy passed him. Short, stocky and very fast, he hit the line like a catapult. He kept his feet well and was unusually quick in picking an opening.

himself shy of good end material, while the advent of Mahan gave him a surplus of capable men for the backfield. So he shifted Hardwick to a wing position.

Hardwick showed his versatility by becoming one of the ranking men of the game among the ends at once. He was a sure and very hard tackler, a hard man to draw in, and proved quick to diagnose the attack of the enemy.

Last fall he was practically unanimously selected as the greatest end of the year. In a season that was not devoid of good end material he loomed head and shoulders over the field.

RIBBONS TO PLAY
N. Y. NATIONALS
TOMORROW NIGHT

For the final contest of the basketball season Manager Leavy of the Blue Ribbons has arranged to have the New York Nationals as an attraction at Colonial hall tomorrow night. This team is supposed to be one of the strongest in the country. The New Yorkers have just returned from a trip to the Pacific coast where they played at the Panama exposition. On the long trip they won 41 consecutive games.

The Blue Ribbons haven't reeled off as many victories as that but have been beaten on very few occasions in the past two years. They ran against a tough proposition Saturday night when they tackled Wallum's Stars at Colonial hall and won by 23 to 21 after playing overtime.

Schmeike, the big fellow who astonished the fans by his shooting ability when he played here with Miller's team a few weeks ago, is a member of the Nationals. The Ribbons are anxious to close their season with a victory but realize they will have to hustle to do so. The line up:

BLUE RIBBONS. NATIONALS.
Beckman, rf. lg. Brunner
Clinton, lf. rg. Ripley
Leonard, c. c. Ruppert
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